

## HR 717

### Listing Reform Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor                            | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]          | R · TX        |      | Jan 27, 2017 |
| Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]   | R · TX        |      | Jan 27, 2017 |
| Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]         | R · TX        |      | Jan 27, 2017 |
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]         | R · AZ        |      | Jul 12, 2017 |
| Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large] | R · MT        |      | Jul 27, 2017 |
| Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]        | R · TX        |      | Sep 13, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Reported By | Feb 15, 2018 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Listing Reform Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to allow the Department of the Interior or the Department of Commerce, as appropriate, to prioritize the consideration of petitions to list a species as endangered or threatened other than in the order in which the petitions are received. The appropriate department may not give general priority to petitions to add species to the list of endangered or threatened species over petitions to remove a species from the list.

The deadline for the appropriate department to decide on whether or not a petition to list or remove a species should be granted is changed from within 12 months to as expeditiously as possible.

The appropriate department is given the authority to preclude the listing of a species as threatened due to the likelihood of significant, cumulative economic effects that would result from such listing or from the likely resulting designation of critical habitat of the species. Once a petition is precluded due to those economic effects, the appropriate department may not reconsider that finding unless the department: (1) determines there is endangerment of extinction of the species; or (2) receives a new petition to add the species to the list that includes an analyses concluding that alternative actions are possible other than those resulting in significant, cumulative economic effects.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 15, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-560.
- **Feb 15, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 421.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 13.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 27, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.